



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Vito Cannella
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING
MARCH 29, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montano
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank S. Bacio
Vito Cannella
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Others Present

Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services Division
Jim Corbett, Assistant Chief, Commission Services Division
Audra Galang, Commission Services Division

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montano reported that she was trying to determine the status of Westside Group Homes 1, 2, 3, and 4. She also reported that at present, there are two vacancies on the Commission from the Third District. She asked that next week, the Commission will adjourn in memory of Maxine Russell's son.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$887.00.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Sandra Barbee, Chief of Commission Services, reported the following:

1. She passed around a sample of the Commission on Insurance webpage to the Commissioners. She said the Sybil Brand Commission's web page will be similar to this and the plan is to have an individual biography with a photograph of each Commissioner. The agenda and minutes will also be posted to the web. County Counsel will be consulted on the issue of confidentiality versus the minutes being public records.
2. The Group Homes Directory list will be automated but more information is needed from Ms. Burbano at the next business meeting on the origin of the list before it can be put into operation.
3. She reported a locking 3-drawer lateral file cabinet was ordered. Also, numbered key tags were assigned for each locker key and shared with the Commissioners.
4. She reported Supervisor Burke's office has received the paperwork of Ms. Rita Hall for appointment to the Commission.
5. A draft Certificate of Appreciation for former Executive Officer Violet Varona-Lukens was presented for approval by the Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2006 MEETINGS

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Cannella, and unanimously carried, the minutes of March 15, 2006 were approved and corrected as follows:

DEPARTMENT UPDATES ON FACILITY OPERATIONS

Sheriff's Department: Ms. Corina Torrero reported that she ~~looking~~**looked** into

Ettie Lee – 33 #2

Vice Chair Stathatos inspected this facility on March 14th, and found they were in the process of a yearly fumigation. **Therefore, no inspection was done.**

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS

Ladora's Group Home – 62 #1

Commissioner Bacio visited this facility and found it was closed.

Temple City Sheriff's Station

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on March 16th and found it in good condition. It was given a rating of **Satisfactory**. Deputies reported they receive so much food that results in a significant waste of food.

Alhambra Courts

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on March 21st, and found it in good order. Some of the female inmates complained of the language used by Deputies at the TwinTowers facility as well as supplies and medications not being distributed. Those relocated to the new facility in Lynwood said the atmosphere was completely different.

Hathaway-Sycamore Children and Family Services - 34 #3

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on March 23rd, and it was given a rating of **Excellent**. Hathaway has merged with Sycamore and is now providing comprehensive wraparound services for both children and their families. It will work as a short-term crisis intervention center.

Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on March 27th. It was given a rating of **Satisfactory**. The areas of concern are noted as follows: needs improved lighting, more classrooms, compulsory uniforms for probation officers, motion detectors, infrared closed covered cameras and monitors, and lexan doors at special handling units for boys and young women. A particular problem is that there is no emphasis on treatment of mentally ill girls and boys.

Michelle Travis Inc. – 69 #3

Commissioner Bacio visited this facility on March 16th, and found everything to be **satisfactory**.

St. Paul's Group Home - 101 #1

Commissioner Bacio visited this facility on March 21st, and found it to be

satisfactory. He did note the first aid kit needs to be restocked and one smoke detector is not functioning.

Optimist Group Home – 81 #3

Commissioner Hammargren visited this facility on March 21st and found no one at home.

C&R Masada Group Home – 20 #2

Commissioner Hammargren visited this facility on March 20th and found no one at home.

Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF)

Chair Montano, Vice Chair Stathatos, Commissioners Bacio, Cannella, Moore and Hammargren visited this facility on March 22nd. They learned it has a capacity of more than 2,400 women. They noted that some areas of the facility are being used for the first time. They were escorted by Sgt. Bullocks and Capt. Alice Scott. The trustees there reported they were happy with the staff and the surroundings. It is scheduled to open on March 25.

Turnmount Home for Boys – 108 #1

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren visited this facility on March 27th, and gave it a rating of **Satisfactory**. Commissioner Hammargren expressed concern about a large pitbull dog that is in the fenced yard next door.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Montano assigned the inspection duties to Commissioners for the following week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Corbett

Assistant Chief, Commission Services Division